GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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SUGAR UNDER NFSA
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to distribute sugar under the National Food Security Act (NFSA);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether several States have requested the Government to enhance the allotment of sugar to be distributed under NFSA in accordance with the increased number of beneficiaries identified under the Food Security Act;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether Government of Kerala has submitted a proposal to increase the allotment of sugar for distribution through the Public Distribution System (PDS) during the Onam festival; and

(f) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

(a): No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): The State Governments of Gujarat and Punjab have requested to enhance the allotment to extend the coverage of distribution of sugar through PDS to the beneficiaries under NFSA.

(e) & (f): A proposal was received from Government of Kerala for allotment of special quota of 8300 MT of sugar for the Onam festival. However, under the new dispensation, the Central Government subsidy @ Rs.18.50 per Kg., is limited to the existing fixed monthly quota /annual festival quota of the States/UTs.